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★前巻までのあらすじ★

古い昔話にきく〝鬼切丸〟とは――
鬼の天敵として生をうけた純血の鬼……彼は人にあって人にあらず。
名前はなく、ただ、頭にはえない角のかわりに、鬼の角から削りだした神器名剣の太刀で、鬼を殺す。人はそれを鬣切り、もしくは鬼切丸と呼んだ――
そして、それが今、現代に復活。黒い学生服に身をつつんだ彼は、老いることなく、相棒・鬼切丸と共に現世にうごめく鬼を捜し続ける。
人間の弱みにつけこみ、血肉ばかりか感情までもエサにして成長する鬼は、人間の天敵。
すべての鬼を斬り殺せば、人間になれると信じて、今日もさすらう!!

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CHAPTER 1: THE HANNYA
LONG TIME AGO, AN ONI SHAPED LIKE A TEENAGE BOY EMERGED FROM THE CORPSE OF AN ONI.
INSTEAD OF A HORN ON HIS HEAD, HE GOT A HEAVENLY SWORD IN HIS HAND.
ALTHOUGH A PURE-BLOODED ONI HIMSELF, HE MADE IT HIS DUTY TO KILL HIS OWN KIND.
HE BELIEVED THAT WHEN HE DESTROYED ALL ONI FROM THE FACE OF THE WORLD, HE WOULD TRULY BECOME HUMAN...
THAT ONI DOESN'T HAVE A NAME...

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CHAPTER 1: THE HANNYA

HUH
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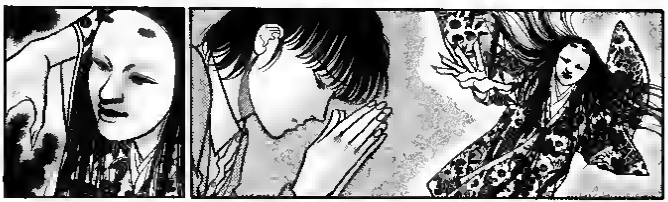
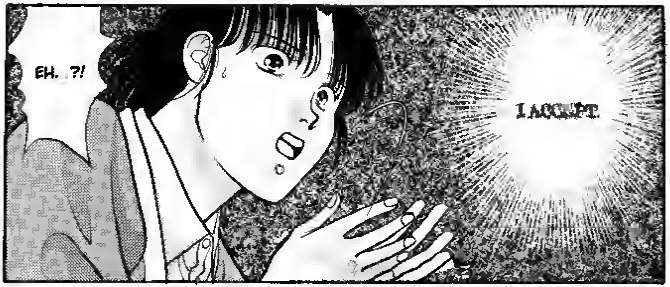
HUH
DON'T GO, SETSUKO-SAN! IT IS SAID THAT THE CHILD-GRANTING TEMPLE...
...WILL ONLY BRING BAD LUCK IF YOU VISIT IT!
HUH
HUH
I BEG OF YOU, SETSUKO-SAN!
PLEASE...
HUH

PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU, GIVE ME A CHILD!!
PLEASE!
PLEASE!
PLEASE GIVE ME A CHILD!




EH...?!
I ACCEPT.

DON'T GO...
DON'T GO, SETSUKO-SAN...
THE VOICE JUST NOW...

EH? ONLY A YEAR LEFT? AH, NO SHE'S HAVING HER BIRTHDAY IN A WEEK...
ONO'S DAUGHTER AKANE IS ALREADY 4 YEARS OLD
PSST... PSST...
PSST... PSST...
SO SHE ONLY HAS ONE WEEK LEFT TO LIVE?
HOW PITIFUL
BUT HOW COULD IT BE THAT SHE HAS TO DIE?

SHE WON'T MAKE IT TO HER 5TH YEAR
NO MATTER WHAT, SHE WON'T LIVE TO SEE HER 5TH BIRTHDAY
BEFORE THE AGE OF 5, SHE WILL DIE ...
YES, SHE WILL DEFINITELY DIE BEFORE SHE TURNS 5.
SHE WON'T MAKE IT TO HER 5TH YEAR ...

WHAT IN THE WORLD...?
OKAY, EVERYONE, TIME TO GO HOME!
第一幼稚園
AKANE...
NOW DON'T WANDER OUT THE SCHOOL GATE BEFORE YOUR MOM PICKS YOU UP, OKAY?
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COME HERE, AKANE
THE ONE WHO GAVE YOU LIFE WANTS YOU NOW
AKANE-CHAN, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
NOW
THIS WAY, AKANE

AKANE-CHAN, MAMA IS HERE!
AH, ONO-SAN, YOU MUST BE TIRED.
AKANE-CHAN?
EXCUSE ME FOR BEING LATE UM, AKANE IS..?
AKANE-CHAN WENT OUT THE GATE JUST NOW.
WENT OUT?! WHEN??
AKANE IS MY PRECIOUS ONLY DAUGHTER!! SUCH A THING, SUCH A THING..!!
O.. ONO-SAN, CALM DOWN..
WHY DIDN'T YOU ALL LOOK AFTER AKANE PROPERLY??
ONO-SAN!!
WHAT DID YOU SAY?

THAT'S UNDERSTANDABLE AFTER FINALLY GETTING A CHILD, THE EVIL RUMOR JUST HAD TO START.
WHAT THE ... SUCH EXAGGERATION ...
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO HER!
THAT RUMOR HAD SPREADED WIDELY ACROSS THE TOWN
RUMOR?
AKANE! AKANE!
THAT "AKANE-CHAN WILL DIE BEFORE HER 5TH BIRTHDAY ..."

NOW
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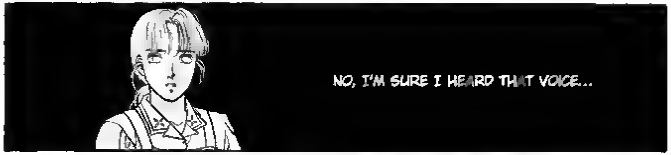
KYAAAA!!
AS I THOUGHT
IT WAS AN OLD GHOST.
SO YOU'RE STILL AROUND?
AN ONI TRANS-FORMED YOU INTO AN ONI WHEN YOU WERE STILL ALIVE, EH?
FURTHER-MORE, YOU SURVIVED UNTIL THIS VERY ERA.
YOU! SO YOU'RE THAT ONIKIRIMARU!
YOU MADE THE TOWN PEOPLE THINK THAT THIS CHILD WOULD DIE BEFORE THE AGE OF 5, RIGHT?
YOU WANT TO EAT THIS CHILD?!
ONIKIRIMARU, THE PURE-BLOODED ONI, SO YOU'VE APPEARED

!
DON'T GO AFTER IT, ONII-CHAN!
TRYING TO ESCAPE?!
KAKAKA
CHE.
AKANE!!

THIS...
KID-NAPPING DEMON!!
WAIT A MINUTE THERE!
I AM ...
GIVE AKANE BACK! SHE'S THE DAUGHTER GIVEN TO ME BY GOD! PLEASE DON'T TAKE HER AWAY! GIVE HER BAAACK!!
WHAT HAP-PENS?
SOME-THING WRONG?

HERE, I GIVE HER BACK!
ANYWAY, THAT CHILD HAS BEEN TARGETED BY AN ONI.
BE CAREFUL.
AKANE! AKANEEE!
O...
ONO-SAN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
WHAT'S HAPPENING JUST NOW?
AKANE IS MINE! I WON'T GIVE AKANE TO ANYONE! EVER!

IT'S ALL MOTHER'S FAULT...
I WASN'T EXAGGERATING! AFTER ALL, ISN'T SHE OUR ONLY CHILD??
THAT'S EXAGGE-RATING, YOU KNOW, HOW SHAMEFUL
SAY, I HEARD YOU MADE A RUCKUS AGAIN TODAY
MOTHER BELIEVED IN SUCH SUPERSTITION SO MUCH!
... WOULDN'T LIVE A LONG LIFE! DON'T DO IT!
DON'T GO, SETSUKO-SAN! THE CHILDREN WHO ARE ASKED FOR IN THAT TEMPLE...
BUT IF I DIDN'T GO THERE, AKANE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BORN!!
THAT WAS JUST A COIN-CIDENCE!!
DON'T YOU TALK BAD ABOUT A DECEASED PERSON! AND DIDN'T SHE WARN YOU ABOUT IT BEFORE?!
I'M SURE MOTHER WAS ALSO THE ONE WHO SPREADED THE RUMOR AROUND!


NO, I'M SURE I HEARD THAT VOICE...

THEN, WHO SAID THAT SHE WOULDN'T MAKE IT TO HER 5TH BIRTHDAY?
IT CAME FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE DEEP DARKNESS;
I ACCEPT
THE VOICE THAT HELD THE POWER TO INITIATE AKANE'S BIRTH.

WERE YOU HAVING A NIGHT-MARE?
WHAT'S WRONG? CAN'T GO TO SLEEP?
MAMA...
THAT CHILD HAS BEEN MARKED BY AN ONI.

EVEN IF MAMA HAS TO FIGHT AGAINST AN ONI, MAMA WILL ALWAYS PROTECT AKANE...
IT'S ALL RIGHT. IT'S ALL RIGHT, AKANE, MAMA WILL LOOK AFTER AKANE.
ALWAYS.
TOMORROW IS FINALLY AKANE-CHAN'S BIRTH-DAY, NE?
ONO-SAN EVEN ASKED FOR A LEAVE TO THE KINDER-GARTEN AND KEPT HER IN THE HOUSE
REALLY, SHE MUST BE ANXIOUS... TO DO SUCH A THING...

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AH!
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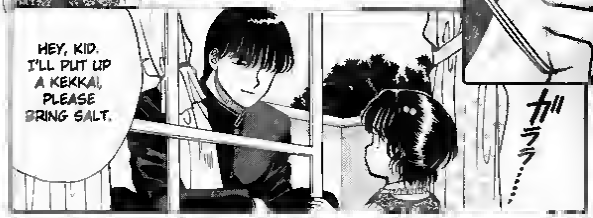
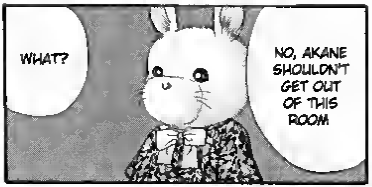
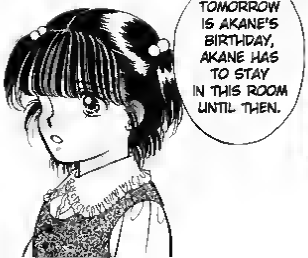

HEY, KID. I'LL PUT UP A KEKKAI, PLEASE BRING SALT.


NO, AKANE SHOULDN'T GET OUT OF THIS ROOM
WHAT?


TOMORROW IS AKANE'S BIRTHDAY, AKANE HAS TO STAY IN THIS ROOM UNTIL THEN.

BUT YOU SEE, YOU SEE...
MAMA SAID AKANE SHOULDN'T GO OUT TO PLAY.
AKANE SHOULDN'T GO ANY-WHERE
MAMA SAYS SHE WILL BRING AKANE TO MANY DIFFERENT PLACES WHEN AKANE TURNS 5.
MAMA IS A REALLY NICE PERSON!
AKANE REALLY LOVES MAMA, LOVES MAMA A HEAP!
YEAH, SHE REALLY IS...

AKANE!!
I WON'T GIVE HER TO ANYONE! TOMORROW THIS CHILD WILL BE 5!!
STAY AWAY FROM AKANE!

I DIDN'T COME TO THAT TEMPLE SO SHE WOULD DIE!!
WHEN SHE'S 7, I'LL ENROLL HER IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!! WHEN SHE'S 20, I'LL PUT A SUMMER CLOTHES ON HER!! SHOULD I JUST LET HER DIE?!
DON'T TALK NON-SENSE!!
YOU CAN'T PROTECT THE CHILD!
TEMPLE?
IF YOU'RE CAUGHT BY THE ONI, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT HER!
I SEE... YOU WENT TO THAT TEMPLE TO ASK FOR A CHILD... THAT CHILD...

ANYWHERE! ANYWHERE SAVE FOR AKANE!
I'LL SHOW YOU THAT I CAN PROTECT THIS CHILD!
CHE.
MAMA... WHERE ARE WE GOING? MAMA...
WE HAVE TO RUN!! WE HAVE TO RUN AWAY FROM THIS TOWN!!

MAMA... I'M SCARED.
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WH--WHY DID I COME HERE?

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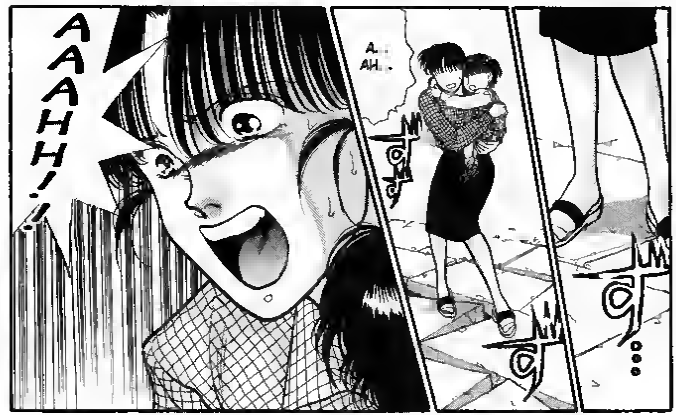
LOOKS DELICIOUS...

WHO?!
SUCH A DELICIOUS-LOOKING BABY...
YOU RAISED HER WELL.
WHO ARE YOU??
AH, I KNOW!! THIS IS THAT VOICE FROM BEFORE...


AAAHH!!
A..
AH..
TOTO
TOTO...

ONI...!!

I HAVEN'T TASTED A CHILD IN 3 CENTURIES.
QUICK! GIVE THAT CHILD TO ME!
NOOO! MAMA!
NO! I WANT THIS CHILD TO LIVE! SO PLEASE...!
I'VE FULFILLED YOUR WISH.
WHAT DID YOU SAY...?
I'VE GIVEN YOU A CHILD AS YOU WISH!

I WANT TO EAT A CHILD AND YOU WISH TO HATE ONE.
I'VE FULFILLED YOUR WISH, SO NOW
IT'S YOUR TURN TO FULFILL MINE!
DON'T, SETSUKO-SAN!
DON'T GO!
IT'S A LIE... AH... MOTHER...
YOU WISHED FOR A CHILD FROM ME SO I CAN EAT HER!

HURRY! GET THAT KID OUTTA' HERE!
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ONIKIRIMARU, YOU BASTARD!
YOU LONG TO BECOME HUMAN, HUH? YOU WISH TO BE A HUMAN?!
YEAH, I DO.
YOU BASTARD! I'LL SHOW YOU THE WAY TO DEFEAT THE LIKES OF YOU!

HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
HUFF!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING...? TRYING IN VAIN TO HELP THAT FOOD ESCAPE...?
MAMA!
AH!

I'LL SACRIFY THAT FLESH AND BLOOD OF MINE FOR THAT GUY.
DON'T LET HER ESCAPE! KILL HER!
KILL THAT CHILD!
MY BODY MOVES ON ITS OWN.
DON'T COME HERE, AKANE!
AH... MY BODY!
MAMA! MAMA!

PLEASE! I BEG OF YOU, GOD!
NO! NO! SOMEONE STOPS MY HAND!
MA-
AT THIS RATE, YOU CAN NEVER ESCAPE. YOU HAVE TO OBEY IT!
WHY ARE YOU CALLING FOR GOD NOW? YOU'VE SOLD YOUR SOUL TO THE ONI.
YES, YOU CAN'T ESCAPE.
JUST LIKE HOW IT WAS BEFORE...
KYAA! AKANE! AKANE!
WHEN I SWALLOWED THE LIFE INSIDE OF THIS WOMB TO SAVE MY OWN LIFE.

THE FATE OF A MOTHER WHO KILLS HER CHILD WITH HER OWN HANDS AND SACRIFICES THE CHILD TO THE GOD IS EITHER
AH...
AH...
AH...
AH!
AH...
DEATH...

FALL AND CHANGE INTO AN ONI
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO SERVE.
HIM!
FUHAHA ! NOW I'M RELEASED FROM MY DUTY!

SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH TO BEAT, EH?
HEHEHE!
EVEN IF YOU KEEP ON KILLING ONI, YOU WILL NEVER BECOME HUMAN!
ONIKIRI-MARU! YOU PATHETIC PURE-BLOODED ONI!

ONI ARE SOMETIMES BORN FROM HUMANS. IT WILL EAT HUMANS AND TURN THEM INTO ONI
IF YOU WANT TO BE HUMAN YOU WILL HAVE TO KILL THEM ALL! IF THE NUMBER OF HUMANS DECREASES, WE ONI WILL BECOME EXTINCT AS WELL!
IT'S VERY SIMPLE. HUMANS ARE FRAGILE. THEY DON'T HAVE CLAWS AND FANGS TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN. HUMANS ARE PREY TO US ONI
ONI AND HUMANS ARE LIKE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN!
EVEN THOUGH WE EAT HUMANS, WE DON'T MASSACRE [redacted]
YOU, WHO WERE BORN FROM AN ONI, WON'T UNDERSTAND THIS!
SHUT UP!!

GU
YOU, IT CAN'T BE!
HANNYA?!

KILL!
WHY ...?
KILL EVERY-THING! CURSE EVERY-THING!
KILL!
KILL!
IS THAT YOUR TRUE WISH??
HUMANS ARE FRAGILE
PREYS OF THE ONI!

IF YOU WISH TO BE HUMAN, YOU HAVE TO KILL THEM!
STOP! YOU DON'T WANT TO BE AN ONI, RIGHT??
OR IS THAT YOUR WISH ALL ALONG?!

NO!!

I JUST WANT TO SAVE AKANE...
I DON'T WANT HER TO DIE..
SHE IS THE ONLY PRECIOUS THING TO ME...
I WILL ALWAYS PROTECT AND HELP HER...
I DIDN'T GIVE BIRTH TO HER SO SHE WILL DIE LIKE THIS! I WANT HER TO LIVE!

IF... YOUR LIFE CAN SAVE YOUR DAUGHTER..
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
IF YOU CAN GIVE YOUR LIFE TO YOUR DAUGHTER..
PLEASE...

AND I WILL KEEP ON HUNTING THOSE ONI.. ...UNTIL THE DAY I FINALLY BECOME HUMAN.
I WON'T CRY..
I WON'T CRY FOR THEM ONE BY ONE...
THIS WILL KEEP ON REPEATING ITSELF OVER AND OVER AGAIN...
NOW, OR LATER...

AKANE, HURRY UP!
WAIT A SEC! I'M COMING!
HOW COULD YOU DRESS LIKE THIS?? AREN'T WE GOING TO WATCH THE LIVE CONCERT??
BUT YOU SEE, MY MOM...

ONIKIRIMARU,
THE PURE-BLOODED ONI...
UNTIL THE DAY HE BECOMES HUMAN...
PEOPLE WILL CONTINUE TO CALL HIM ONIKIRIMARU

INTRO (A.K.A. NEWBIE TALKS)

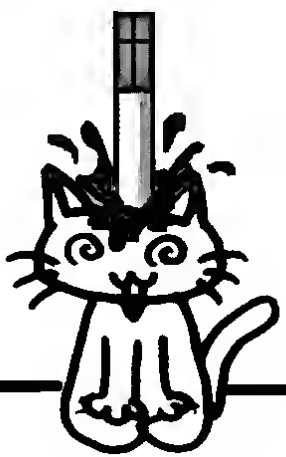
HI, KAIREI HERE. I'M THE NEW TRANSLATOR-SLASH-TYPESETTER OF THE SERIES "ONIKIRIMARU". I'D LIKE TO SAY THANKS TO SCX-SCANLATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS SERIES.

JUST A SLIGHT WARNING:
I'M TRANSLATING NOT FROM JAPANESE, BUT FROM MY COUNTRY'S LANGUAGE INTO ENGLISH. AND THOUGH I'VE TRIED COMPARING IT TO THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE RAW, THERE MIGHT BE SLIGHT MISTRANSLATIONS HERE AND THERE. ONI HAS BEEN GREAT ENOUGH TO EDIT IT, BUT JUST IN CASE SOMETHING SLIPS... I WANNA APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE. n_n;

THANKS FOR STICKING TO THE SERIES AND HAPPY READING! n_~*

P.S. FOR SUBARU-S WHO HAS HELPED ME AS ADVISOR IN THE TRANSLATION PROCESS, THANKS A LOT, I HOPE YOU CAN HELP ME AGAIN NEXT TIME-- *STABBED* XD

KAIREI



KAIREI'S TIP OF THE DAY: DON'T PLAY WITH MUGEN...

PS FROM ONI: ALTHOUGH S/HE SAYS I HELPED, ALL I DID WAS PUT ON FINISHING TOUCHES. ITS MAINLY HER/HIS WORK.